

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A specialty paint finish roller comprising:
  - a roller handle assembly comprising a handle and a connector member connected to said handle;
  - an axle connected to said connector member;
  - a roller tube having first and second ends and an axial cavity located between first and second open ends;
  - a sponge member formed on said roller tube; and
  - means for rotatably connecting said roller tube to said axle.
2. The roller of claim 1 wherein said sponge member comprises a strip of natural sponge connected to a base material, said strip being wound diagonally along the longitudinal axis of said roller tube.
3. The roller of claim 1 wherein said base material comprises cotton.
4. A method of fabricating a roller tube for use with a specialty paint finish roller comprising the steps of:
  - providing a sponge member;
  - cutting said sponge member into pieces of predetermined thicknesses;
  - providing a base material;
  - connecting a piece of said sponge member to said base material

to form a strip assembly; and

connecting said strip assembly to an elongated roller tube.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein said elongated roller tube is cut into predetermined lengths.

6. The method of claim 4 wherein said base material comprises cotton.

7. The method of claim 4 wherein said sponge member comprises natural sponge.

8. The method of claim 4 wherein said strip assembly is attached to said elongated roller tube diagonally along the longitudinal axis thereof.